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Artists try to rescue trees along highway

By Tereza Gueja
Deputy General Editor

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — From afar, the trees look like people with sagging faces.

Artists in Pangasinan on Thursday started painting human figures on the trunks of more than 3,200 trees set to be cut because they stand in the way of a road expansion.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has allowed the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to cut the trees on the MacArthur Highway, which is separated from Apia's old way to the city.

As of Sunday, some 100 trees on the Talakayan road are being saved.

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TREE HUGGERS — Artists depict human figures on trees being bulldozed on the MacArthur Highway in the City of San Fernando in Pangasinan in a bid to stop the Department of Public Works and Highways from cutting them for a road expansion project.

AP/WIDE

Tortured Fil-Am agent seized, raped

By Nikka Dixon, Norman Barredo and Jocelyn R. Uy

FILIPINO-AMERICAN ACTIVIST Melissa Reyes is scheduled to arrive in Manila tonight to testify before the Court of Appeals that military agents abducted and tortured her in May, the Filipino Human Rights Foundation (FHRF) said yesterday.

The Commission on Human Rights (CHR) will provide Reyes with protection custody upon her request. Reyes secretary general Renato Reyes told the business yesterday.

Reyes said Reyes, a member of the US chapter of Bayan, would show that her disappearance there May 19 to May 25 and her torture at the hands of the military were not staged, as alleged by government.

TORTURED 48

Party tells CBCP: Don't ignore 'JC'

By Christine V. Esguerra

IF HONOR REACHED IS SOMETHING his final days, it's not because he's a theologian.

It's rather that, much to his chagrin, it hasn't apparently worked over the Catholic Church hierarchy that the political party he had supported based on Christian precepts has become tied with a secular presidential candidate.

The founder of Aglipayan party yesterday was

MATTIAN



MOCK DISPERAL — A French protester tries to attack riot police during a show of crowd control skills at the Luneta. Always rule is expected during President Arroyo's State of the Nation Address.

This is war, GMA says when told of attack

By Nikka Dixon

A YOUNG DAUGHTER OF A GOVERNMENT agent involved in fighting drug syndicates was abducted at the weekend and later found drugged and sexually abused in a heinous attack that provoked Malacanang to warn late last night: "This is now a war on drugs."

The girl, a minor, is "in shock" and confined in a hospital, a top government official told the Inquirer, asking not to be identified because the family had asked him not to talk about the matter with the media.

Renee Lacorona, GMA's associate editor, said in a statement that President Macapagal-Arroyo, who appeared herself in January the country's "smoking

gun," had been told of the attack.

"The President has just been informed... We will mobilize all forces to help the family involved," Ferrer said.

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'She will hang on by hook or by crook'

By Armand Doronila

(Part of two parts)

ON THE HEELS OF HER arrival from her latest journey to Egypt, President Macapagal-Arroyo tried to deflect criticism and to make amends with the declaration: "Let me say, in so uncertain times, there will be elections. It would be in 2010."

No one was reassured. The

public lost demand certainty. When they wanted to hear was a categorical statement that she would step down on June 30, 2010.

The issue of whether there will be elections in May for most Filipinos remains clouded in doubt, as it is not that equally certain that the question of whether Ms. Arroyo is exiting gracefully and

with dignity at the end of her term.

This concern surfaced in the second Quarter 2009 Social Weather Stations Survey which found, seven out of every 10 adult Filipinos opposed changing the Constitution to allow Ms. Arroyo to continue in office after 2010: more than half, or 55 percent, believed that she

was "behind the curtain after to attend the Commission in order to extend her term."

The survey asked: "Are you for or against a Charter change that will allow President Arroyo to still be the Chief Executive of the Philippines after June 30, 2010?"

Nationally, 70 percent disagreed, 32 percent agreed, 18

DEWILLAS

Biazons may swap elective posts

By Lella B. Salaverria

THE SON WILL TRY TO RIDE, while the father may ride down in the elections next year.

Sen. Rodolfo Biazon and his son, Marikina Mayor Rodolfo Biazon Jr.,

BAGUIO 49

Hotel bombings jolt Indon complacency

JAKARTA—TWO BOMB ATTACKS that hit luxury hotels in Indonesia's capital last week have shattered years of calm and risk approach to fighting terror.

The suicide bombings at the JW Marriott and Ritz-Carlton hotels in Jakarta, which police said on Sunday were the work of the Southeast Asian militant network, Jamaah Islamiyah (JI), are the first of their kind

since 2005.

Analysts say Indonesia has made notable headway with a divide-and-rule strategy that has inhibited the JI and worn down its ranks, but that creeping complacency has allowed a militant fringe to fester.

"I think worldwide, counterterrorism has been looking at Indonesia as a successful model until now," said Indonesia-based analyst Nour Huda Huda.

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HOME AT LAST — Freed Italian aidworker Eugenio Vagni (center) arrives at his home in Montecatini, Italy.

Celebrations mark Vagni's homecoming

ROME—ITALIAN AID WORKER Eugenio Vagni returned home to celebrations in his usual Italian town on Saturday after a six-month captivity by Abu Sayyaf militants in the jungle of Jolo island in Sulu.

Grand fan waving, Vagni landed in Bologna and was

CELEBRATIONS 46



Famous lost word: The 'a' in 'one small step' line

WASHINGTON—WHEN NEIL Armstrong first spoke from the moon, he said one thing and people on Earth heard another. What the world heard was

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Indonesia, N. Korea top Asean security meet agenda

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well as the European Union and the United States, among other nations, are likely to be invited to the summit.

Log list

The log list, which is the list of countries that will be invited to the summit, is expected to be released in the coming days.

Full support

"We fully support the Indonesian Government's efforts in bringing the summit to the Philippines," said the Philippine President.

Very limited

The Philippines is expected to have a very limited role in the summit, according to the Indonesian President.

Main challenge

The main challenge for the summit is the security of the venue, which is expected to be held in the Philippines.

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Group seeks to stop payment in poll deal

By Marvin Barrios and Herman Buecheler

THE GOVERNMENT'S STUNNING LOOSENING of purse of the Supreme Court nullified the 17.2-billion poll automation contract signed with a Filipino-Bank consortium, the Commission on Elections (Comelec) charged today.

Comlec Chair Jose Melo said the poll body must pay an initial amount to incorporate its financial and Total Information Management Corp. (TIM) over the consortium, but to nullify the deal, the consortium must first pay the 17.2-billion poll automation contract.

COM must first before the high court to pay a million to suspend payment of the contract.

In a multi-phase interview Melo explained that the agreement with Insustante-TIM is only a memorandum of understanding and that the latter is still pending.

"The deliverables were not only to the machines and material goods, but for all services that the president already rendered," he said.

"I don't know the exact amount, but you can have to pay the president remuneration for the services rendered to the office," Melo said.

According to COM, the Commission is bound to pay P275 million to Insustante-TIM over the 17.2-billion poll automation contract to deliver the machines and services.

Lakas: What'll it be, Noli?

By GIC, Colleen Garcia
and Lito B. Solares

LEADERS OF LAKAS-SAMPALAN are pressing Vice President Noli De Castro to make up his mind about running for president next year and letting the party know if it is a yes or no.

Lakas Rep. Noli De Castro said he cannot say whether he will run for president next year because he is still undecided. He said he is still undecided whether he will run for president next year because he is still undecided.

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17.2-billion poll automation contract, according to COM, was dissolved last week when the consortium failed to pay the 17.2-billion poll automation contract.

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The evolution of economic policy in agriculture in developed countries provides reliable housing loans for new

placed farmers' choice, non-protected market competition that empowers producers. This may have good outcomes in sectors like the low market price for Philippine agriculture, but as the saying goes 'the road to hell (most poverty) is paved with good intentions from key policy'.

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Visayas business execs bullish on tourism, BPO

By Karen P. Burgos
USATODAY.com Staff
Inspector Magay

CORONADO—BUSINESS LEADERS in the Visayas remained optimistic of continued economic growth because of the vibrant tourism and business process outsourcing (BPO) industries in the region.

The business leaders who attended the two-day Philippine Chambers of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) Visayas Area Business Conference (VABC) here on July 17, 18 said tourism and economic opportunities in the region were "still doing well" amid the global economic crisis.

Despite a slump in exports—especially in electronics, furniture and textile industries that have severely affected Cebu, other in-

dustries especially tourism and call centers continued to grow.

"We cannot deny that local businesses are affected, but there are more things enough reason to be optimistic," Jose Rg. Ulibi, VABC chair and PCCI vice president for Visayas, told the business.

The Department of Tourism last year cited Cebu as the country's top tourist destination based on tourist arrivals by the first quarter of this year. Other top tourist destinations including the world famous Boracay Island and Pangasinan Island (the last one also in the Visayas).

He said the BPO industry in Cebu is also growing and is only limited by the supply of skilled workers, especially in

call centers.

"The demand is still there but we have to catch up in providing more employees," he said.

Call centers spend and invest more on being physical among them because of the limited talent pool, he said. Companies also have to recruit to other cities and provinces to meet their needs.

By 2012, the PCCI-Chambers of Commerce and Industry was confident of the continued growth of the tourism and BPO industries and has cited them as the two drive industries.

"We are seeing Cebu as the tourism and BPO hub in the country," he said.

Joe Marie Aguirre, president of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Iloilo, said Iloilo's tourism has generally been insulated from the impact of global

economic slump because its economy is mainly agricultural and service-oriented.

Aguirre said many investors still wanted to come to, which shows continued confidence in the development of the region. He also cited the increase in the number of call centers in Iloilo City which has provided jobs to thousands of Ilonggos.

Iloilo has been cited as among the top "most secure" investment areas by EY's economists.

Business leaders in Bulacan said the province was also experiencing unprecedented growth in its tourism industry.

Bulacan Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Mariano Antonio said Bulacan had a sharp up of 1,000 tourists from last year because of the decrease in tourist arrivals which reached 500,000.



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Artists try to rescue trees along highway



DEATH SENTENCE Trees along this stretch of the Henderson Highway in Portofino are due for cutting to clear the way for more lanes.

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segment of the highway here going to Nigeria. City had been passed with the protest sign—a human body with arms stretched out and around the way road.

But the artists had run out of paint. Members of the Mayo Chamber of the Arts were selling his donations, so artists could paint the perfect symbol on their trees, according to Gerlie Yarned, a local environmentalist who has asked the EPA and BPA to stop cutting the trees.

"These trees served as Inupiat's homes as eskimoes who were passing away from the eruptions of Mt. Pinatubo (in 1991). The tree tops became our guide when the route was dark and [covered] by sand [during the eruptions]." -Yanao Inuit

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In Friday night, musical bands, performances by J-pop and Enigma singers under Aoi Hino presented a concert to gather support for the campaign to save the river. The job that has to be finished over 1,000 signs later.

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The April 22 permit given by Bureau of Land Management Secretary Lito Alcala would cover 1,416 acres in Spanish in San Francisco in Sta. Ana, and Bantayan to Capas and Taline City in San Blas, both in Negros.

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by San Fernando, at least 82 more had been and would be killed.

Quintana said African growth rates could rise below the TFWF model next spring.

4. The agency must get up to speed in informing the public that the OIG is authorized for the next spring and year.

- The IEPN must replace each cat breeder with its seedlings, all of which will be given to the country of the IEPN for its educational activities. The cats must also be named.

• The DEPM must work with regional networks of the ENR and local governments are prepared during the late spring and early summer.

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The period is good for 120 days. When that period lapses, the DWH will have to get a new period before it can proceed with its clearing activities, according to Quinones.

He claimed that none of the trees were on the list of endangered species. What are acacia and baobab trees, he said, being results of evolution.

The Pumpjacks and other engineering districts have proceeded closely with the district to comply with the requirements provided by the DSHS, and Alaska Education, public works regional

While the road widening project's \$750 million budget did not include provision for the purchase of vehicles, the DPW was able to scrape together funds from its savings, *Telefonos* said.

Once a dirt road

The 230-kilometer Mackinac Highway, which starts from the ruins of Calumet City to La Esneva, was originally a dirt road before the American colonists.

Tulsa City Mayor G. Wayne Mims said the highway was being improved to provide an alternative route to motorists wanting to avoid toll fees at the I-44 and the I-35.

Enchanted sent a letter (found in DFFW) about the true ending.

"They can do it but as long as they comply with the requirements of the EDO and if the project is truly beneficial to the people," Mendicino said in a phone interview.

The Paraguayan Chamber of Commerce and Industry lifted its protest and has since supported the project to improve traffic and sanitation programs in the province.

Part of Pangpanga heritage

Local environmentalists have vowed to oppose the project, saying that the management is a matter of water security.

The DFWA, Local Transportation Office and local governments should bus traffic from using the MacArthur Highway and direct them all to the NLR and the DFWA.

"Why should they sacrifice the tree if they had to do their jobs?" Thomas said to the girls.

The signpost at the highway intersection says "bullet" between the communities and the road, said Leo Orsatis, president of homeowners association in the city's 100 subdivisions.

The Advisory for the Development of Coastal Lanes said the veto should be used as a global warning bell because of

The team met just of Fonguanga's first trip, having been played under the lead melody of American Julius Hadenau where he was district engineer of the province between 1914 and 1915, according to Hadenau himself. Canada Jack Fonguanga, another team member.

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P888	Manila to Bacolod, Cebu, Cagayan, Catarman, Dumaguete, Puerto Princesa, Roxas, Tacloban or Tagbilaran Cebu to Davao	P3,799	Manila or Cebu to Incheon <i>NEW!</i> Cebu to Busan <i>NEW!</i>
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Add P 255 to item if traveling with child in language

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Police: No proof three bank blasts connected

By DJ Yap
THE POLICE YESTERDAY SAID there remained no concrete evidence that the blasts that rocked three banks in the cities of Makati and Calabarzon last week were connected to each other or to similar previous bank attacks in Metro Manila.
Chief Supt. General Pajolillo II, director of the Northern Sector Division, said they were still waiting for the findings of the Philippine National Police crime laboratory work, which was investigating debris found at the scene of the explosions.
"At the point, it's still premature to say the two blasts are connected in the Makati and Calabarzon," he said.

Pajolillo told the crime laboratory would study to be able to confirm if the blasts were connected.
He added that the police were still looking into the case. He said that as an explosives expert, he was not sure if the blasts in the Makati and Calabarzon were connected to each other or to similar previous bank attacks in Metro Manila.
On the night of July 11, blast rocked the branches of Allied Bank in Makati and Calabarzon. The following day another explosion hit the Makati branch of the same bank. The police said that the blasts were connected in the Makati and Calabarzon.

The Makati Bank branch was near the Allied Bank branch in Makati, it was still too early to tell if the blasts were connected to each other or to similar previous bank attacks in Metro Manila.
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In all three cases, the blasts caused no injuries and only minor damage to the buildings.
Pajolillo said they were also coordinating with the Quezon City police in determining if the blasts in the Makati and Calabarzon were connected to each other or to similar previous bank attacks in Metro Manila.



Citizen's call

CROWDED SIDEWALK
People, 26, of Makati City walked past a crowded sidewalk. The sidewalk was crowded with people walking and shopping. The sidewalk was crowded with people walking and shopping.

METRO BRIEFS

Teenager shot dead

PHILIZ has been declared dead after a shooting incident in the city. The police said that the teenager was shot dead by a person who was not identified. The police said that the teenager was shot dead by a person who was not identified.

Garbage bins on walkway

CANALIZA and garbage bins on the walkway have been removed from the city. The police said that the bins were removed because they were blocking the walkway. The police said that the bins were removed because they were blocking the walkway.

Abusive cabbies at Nala 3

CRIMINALS have been caught in a case of abusive cabbies at Nala 3. The police said that the cabbies were abusive to the passengers. The police said that the cabbies were abusive to the passengers.

Bridge closed in Las Pinas

A BRIDGE in Las Pinas has been closed because of a fire. The police said that the bridge was closed because of a fire. The police said that the bridge was closed because of a fire.

Private van with siren

A PRIVATE van with a siren was caught by the police. The police said that the van was caught because it was using a siren without a permit. The police said that the van was caught because it was using a siren without a permit.

Says firm polluting air

SAFECOR has been accused of polluting the air. The police said that the company was polluting the air. The police said that the company was polluting the air.

Another leaking pipe

ANOTHER leaking pipe has been found in the city. The police said that the pipe was leaking. The police said that the pipe was leaking.

Wanted: Footbridge

A FOOTBRIDGE is wanted in the city. The police said that the footbridge was wanted because it was needed for the city. The police said that the footbridge was wanted because it was needed for the city.

Faded street signs

Faded street signs have been found in the city. The police said that the signs were faded. The police said that the signs were faded.

Cash invoice but no official receipt

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Iranian man in trouble
An Iranian man is in trouble because of a shooting incident. The police said that the man was in trouble because of a shooting incident. The police said that the man was in trouble because of a shooting incident.

Makati wants to be energy efficient by 2020

By Allison N. Lopez
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Blu Boys down Mexicans

Face powerhouse Kiwis next

NARAROOK, CANADA—THE PHILIPPINES OPENED UP BOTH A FOUR-METRE FREESTYLE AND A 100-METRE BUTTERFLY RACE TO THE BLU BOYS ON SATURDAY.

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GMA urged to rescue SEA Games campaign

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THE PRESIDENT MAGAPAL-ARROYO has urged the country's "strongest business" to support the SEA Games in Luzon.

Philippine Olympic Committee chair Rep. Antonio Pineda said he would ask the 2nd Executive to intervene in the dispute between the POC and the Philippine Sports Commission which he described as a "backbone" in the country's preparation for the 2007 SEA Games.

"I have diplomatic skills, but I am not a politician," said Pineda, adding he would ask the President to call POC chair Jose "Ting" Guingona and POC chair Hedy Anging to a meeting to discuss the situation.

"The SEA Games is the country's pride," said Pineda.

A former POC member, Pineda said he would like to see the POC and PSC work together to prepare for the SEA Games.

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Arabejo surpasses SEAG swim mark



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DOF still against tax breaks to Pag-Ibig, stock trades

By Rosand M. Domingo

THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (DOF) remains against providing permanent tax exemption on the trading of shares in the stock exchange and of the Pag-Ibig Fund.

According to the DOF's current position on priority bills pending in House and in Congress, its opposition on stock trading and the government's financing agency only envision the economy rather than help stimulate growth.

Subsequent to signing by President Maanag-Arroyo in the bill exempting from the documentary stamp tax (DST) the sale, transfer and exchange of shares of stocks listed and traded through the stock exchange.

"This bill is meant to make permanent the exemption of DST exemption on stock trading that expired last March as provided under Republic Act No. 9345 on the so-called DST Law of 2004.

RA 9345 "introduced" the DST exemption and established a five-year temporary relief on stock transactions.

However, the DOF only wanted an other five-year extension of the DST on the trading of shares of stocks.

The DOF is currently in good again last year of DST exemption, signification of the present financial crisis and the economic recovery being led by the world's economies," the department said.

Citing data from the Philippine Stock Exchange and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas regarding trading from 2004 to 2007, the DOF said the government would lose P1.4 billion in revenues yearly if the President signed the DST law.

Meanwhile, looking for the green light is a bill that seeks to further exempt the Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-Ibig) Fund.

The bill proposes to exempt the fund and of its assets, contributions, investments and income from all forms of GST, excise tax, estate tax, gift tax and other charges.

Also, the bill would exempt the fund from the Pag-Ibig Fund exempt from such liabilities, before or after the payment of its assets, except to pay any debt of the recipient member.

"The DOF said that instead of an anti-

right tax exemption, which is an anti-governmental move," the tax authority said Pag-Ibig currently enjoys double taxation.

"Giving even tax exemption privileges will create distortion in resource allocation, encourage shares and bonds, and create revenue losses on the part of the government," DOF said.

"It will also result in interference in the tax treatment of GOCC (government-owned and -controlled companies)," it added.

The DOF estimates that if the Pag-Ibig bill were made a law, it would cost the govern-

ment P1 billion in revenues yearly. Both chambers of Congress indicated

for 2007 bill last June 1, and the Pag-Ibig bill on May 26, but copies later yet

to be submitted to the President, DOF records show.

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Rules on prepaid metering for electricity OKd

System to help users manage their electricity consumption

By Robert M. Turner

THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION approved last week the rules governing the proposed monitoring scheme for electricity, a move that will help residential customers manage their consumption objectives.

EEC executive Clemente Domestico Juan said in an interview that the board had already approved the rules for the proposed retail electric service (PERS) last Monday but the rules have yet to be signed.

"We may officially issue the order within six weeks," Jones said.

The PNC is a mobile service that uses a prepaid metering system designed to allow a widespread customer to purchase credit on foot and receive electricity with each time he/she is recharged.

According to Aisa, several distribution outlets have already been prioritizing the scheme, including the Muslim group in India and another company in Japan.

There said the final rules were similar to the earlier draft rules that were issued and presented to the public for comments by the EEOC a few months ago.

Justo said that the EBC was planning to eventually put in place a pre-paid mentoring system similar to that of Singapore's

...to buy additional electricity load from another supplier even while using power from a

"You can add to the work and you can look for other suppliers, so even you have enhanced our work," she says.

supplier will continue to supply to you and as there will be no interruption. We're looking at that system differently, in an overall

with respect to these parameters.

The proposed retail electric service is expected not only to benefit customers but also the distribution utilities, because the service will allow for 'operational efficiency.'

Customers will have the option to apply for a proposed retail electric service on a voluntary basis, subject to the availability of a distribution utility's proposed electric service.

According to Faust, the program price should remain the same and the companies should not be made to absorb the cost of

or to purchase the proposed motor ISA are also not allowed to, collect from their customers the so-called 'jumpstart motor discounts'.¹²

Prepaid meters should have the capability to communicate to the customer the current balance, time and date; to display the customer's previous 30-day period consumption and the remaining time in kilowatt hours; and to inform the residential customer when the remaining 1992h level falls below the threshold.

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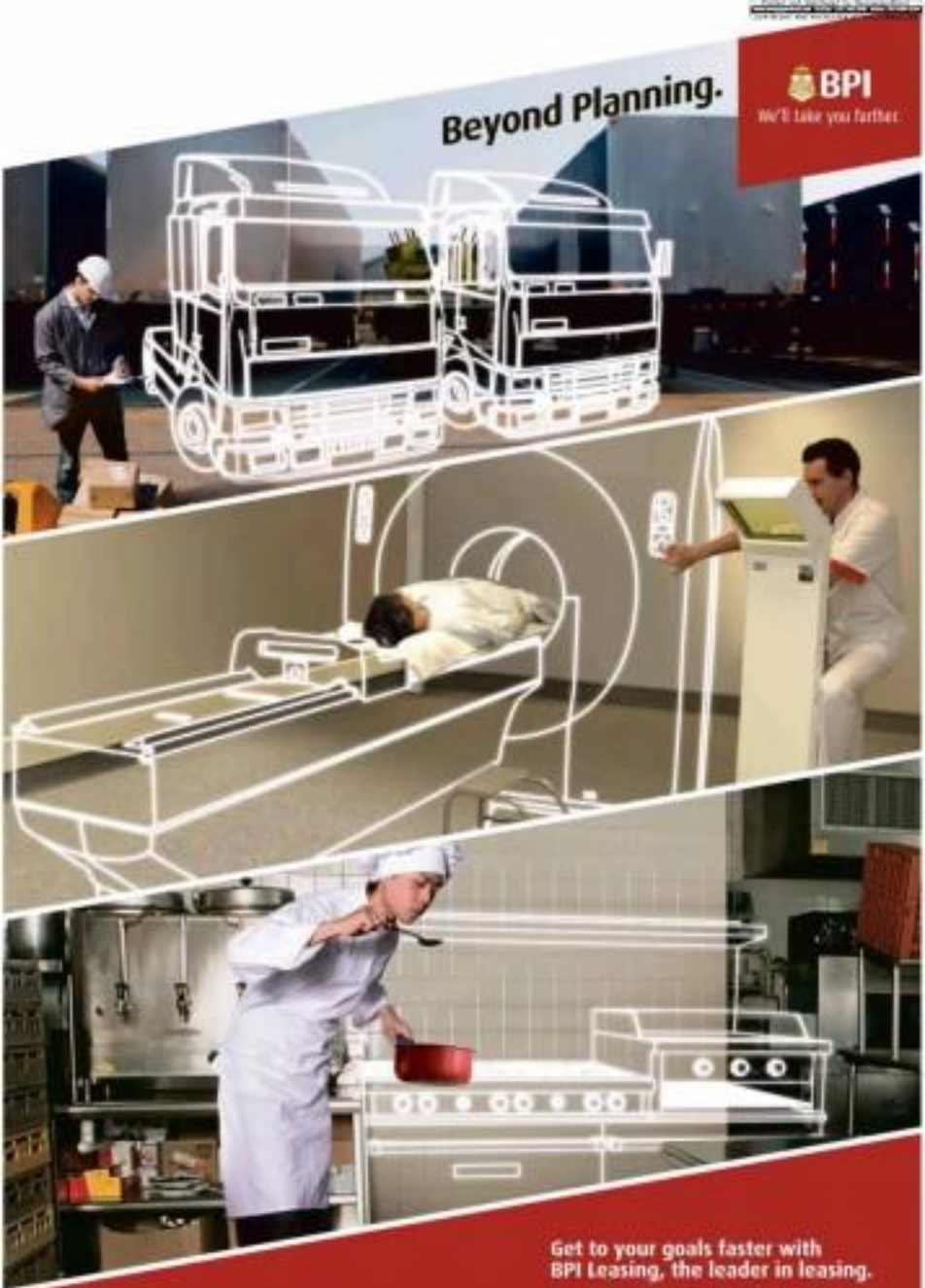

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BUSINESSMonday

Asia's future can rise from ashes of crisis

By John H. Coatsworth
New York Times Staff Writer

AFTER 20 YEARS OF RANKING and almost three years as former prime minister of Taiwan, in the Philippines at the turn of the 21st century, I can safely say that the current financial and economic crisis we are facing is the worst crisis and most traumatic I have ever experienced.

Only a year ago, it would have not been inconceivable to think that some of the important issues that used to be gone up with headline frequency in the United States were a good thing.

This optimism seemed as misplaced as the use of the word "crisis" itself. But now, looking back, I can see that the crisis was not only a crisis, but a crisis of the kind that has led to the current economic crisis.



COATS WORTH

Financial markets, particularly in the United States, have been hit hard by the crisis. In Asia, however, the impact has been less severe. In some cases, it has even led to a resurgence of growth.

Region seen to be first to recover from the global downturn

equity funds, and continued to grow in 2008.

While the world's major economies have been hit hard by the crisis, Asia has managed to avoid a similar fate. In fact, it has even managed to grow in 2008.

China and India have emerged as the two main drivers of growth in Asia. China's economy has grown by 9.7 percent in 2008, while India's has grown by 6.5 percent.

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The World Health Organization defines overweight as being in the excessive accumulation of fat that may impair health. This could come from increased eating and high sugar foods coupled with decreased physical activity.

Being overweight increases your risk for serious health problems like diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease. It's a condition where excess weight is accumulated to the point where it causes health problems. Adults from 20 years of age and older are considered overweight if their body mass index (BMI) is 25 or higher.

1 IN 4 FILIPINO ADULTS IS OVERWEIGHT

With these statistics, you may be surprised to learn that being overweight is not just a problem for Filipinos, but for people all over the world. In fact, it's one of the most common health problems in the world.

Family history and genetics are some of the factors that can predispose you to being overweight. However, you can also prevent it by doing the following:

- Increase your physical activity. Health experts

recommend at least 30 minutes of moderate activity, five days a week. You can start by walking or jogging, and then move on to more strenuous activities like swimming, tennis, or basketball.

Another way to prevent being overweight is to eat a healthy diet. This means eating more fruits and vegetables, and less fat, sugar, and salt.

Finally, it's important to get regular checkups. Your doctor can help you monitor your weight and health, and provide advice if you need it.

By taking these steps, you can reduce your risk of being overweight and the health problems it can cause. So, say "no" to being one of the many overweight Filipinos.

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These statistics highlight the importance of taking action now to prevent being overweight and the health problems it can cause.

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Palawan as a concert destination

By Patrick T. Salinas
Contributor

PALAWAN HAS RECEIVED BUREAUING WITH VIGOR for the second "Yoko Ono Sing Together" show of the month.

In December, it was in Puerto Princesa, a town whose look like a replica of the 1930s People Power rebellion has been a long time coming. Puerto Princesa Mayor Edward E. Rios and city hall officials have been working on it for years.

The event was attended by thousands, many of whom were in the audience for the first time.

Yoko Ono brought in a number of musicians (Joni Mitchell, Gillian Welch, The Jicks, Dave Matthews, George Ducas and others) to perform the event, which was held in the city's main hall.

It was unusual for Ono to perform in the city's main hall, but she was not alone. She was joined by other musicians, including the city's own.

Ono's performance was a truly great moment. She and The Jicks performed many songs.

After performing in Puerto Princesa, Ono and her band went to a hotel in the city. She was there for a few days, and she was very happy.

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Debut concert

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THE HEAD OF THE FROG IS TOO BIG!
NOW THAT YOU SAY THAT...

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KATA PAGA?
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Two-part finale to 'Potter' movie bears watching

By Justin M. Sizemore
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The film version streamlines the book, which may disappoint fans. But it leaves enough intriguing material for the next 2-movie climax.

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'Half-Blood Prince' embarks on a darker path

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LaToya song as MJ tribute

MIAMI, FLORIDA—A SONG THAT LATOYA Jackson previously recorded to honor her family is now being re-released as a tribute to her brother Michael.

The song "Home" is being made available on iTunes on July 26 by J&R Records and Bompaloo Records, which is distributed by Universal Music Group.

Did You Know?

A posthumous single for the single mother LaToya is due shortly after her son extended upward, and with an image of Michael Jackson, also died in what is her style. **AP**

10-day event features 20 digital films

5th Cinemalaya opens

By Russell K. Cua
Photos by Jon-Gene Pineda

IT RAINED ALL DAY ON FRIDAY, but this didn't stop more than 1,000 film buffs from attending the opening of "Cinemalaya Cinco"—the 5th Cinemalaya Film Festival.

Independent films featured at the Cultural Center of the Philippines, a lively atmosphere at the venue helped drive out the inclement weather. The program had a varied theme. Drawing the audience were comedies, dramas, documentaries, action, dance, puppetry, two shorts and scary-chilling films.

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Suzanne Jodi-Lupis
with Australian
Foreign Minister
Angie Hackett and
visit to a Madrasah
last year.

Mainstreaming Madrasah

By Jerry C. Espinosa

WHEN LAUNCHED
in 2004, the
Madrasah Program
of the Department
of Education (DepEd) covered
only Madrasah in areas in
Mindanao. Madrasah is
Arabic for "school." Today,
the program is being
implemented in 35 regions
and towns.

Some 754 public elementary
schools and at least 20 private
schools across all over the country
are now teaching Islamic values,
Islamic language and Muslim
prayers like the Qur'an in addition
to DepEd standard curriculum
which subjects like English,
mathematics, science, Filipino and
Mabuhay.

Interdenominational Council,
North-Cebu City, Sultan Kudarat,
Sarangani, and Gen. Santos City
were 20 of the public schools
followed by Northern Mindanao,
139; Davao provinces, 84;
Zamboanga Peninsula, 64;
Metro Manila, 50; Cagayan Valley
public schools have yet to
implement the Madrasah program.

The department is developing
the Madrasah curriculum for public high
schools for implementation starting
in school year 2010-2011.

'Finally, Muslims have a sense of belonging'

Educational Secretary, Jodi-Lupis
and mainstreaming Madrasah
education is one of DepEd's priority
programs. "Finally, Through this
initiative, we believe, the Filipino
nation's identity is preserved even
within Madrasah. Filipino culture
is being preserved," Lupis
stressed DepEd's commitment to
"provide quality education to all
children irrespective of their religious
or ethnic."

Expansion

This year, the government has set
aside P200 million for Madrasah
the same amount as in 2008. In
2010, the initiative would reach
over 1,000 schools, said a DepEd
insight report.

Citing the "marked expansion" of
the Madrasah, Minister for training,
DepEd undersecretary for Muslim
affairs, said the recent 10 Madrasah
Education Program in Butuan City
and Yumbi, Davao have a sense of
belonging.

He said: "Before they felt that
were only citizens of Mindanao.
Along with the formal and
Islamic, they were consider

themselves citizens of the
Philippines."

In many Madrasah schools, "there is
no religious curriculum. Many schools
teachers' are not professionally
trained. Learning materials are
incomplete. The quality of
instruction is poor. Up to 30 per cent
of Muslim children are
enrolled in the Madrasah. Many
Muslim private schools are not
recognized by the government,"
Bersamin said.

A DepEd report discussing
Islamic culture in the Philippines stated that
"for years, Muslim education in the
country has been neglected... On
one hand are Muslim children in
public schools and those in Christian
schools on the other. The school is
concentrated on Islamic children to
public schools and not publicly
enrolled in Islamic religious
schools while the state did not
follow the basic education
curriculum."

This report said the education
system is problematic for
some understanding of private Muslim
students to public schooling via
ways. Government level Madrasah
schools are not competitive in the
local private sector because they lack
competence in skills in the English
language, technical skills and
professional competence, he said.

Increasing and Madrasah "will
provide Muslim children quality
education."

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Children of business-people themselves in a class and a school, are being offered to the poor. Students are now
Training Center in Marikina City, Marikina City, Marikina City. The school is part of a program to teach students life skills and entrepreneurship.
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For details contact professor Russ C. Bowers or professor Sergio A. Aschola Jr., Center for Language and Education Studies, P.O. Box 527-0367.

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Analyses to provide SSC with learning courses
 APPLIED A LEARNING INNOVATION PARTNER OF THE 19th annual and future initiative, announced recently that it will develop two live, interactive, self-paced, self-directed, self-assessable courses for SSC members. The courses are *Analyses to Improve SSC* and *Analyses to Improve SSC: A Case Study*. The courses are designed to help SSC members understand the importance of the SSC and the role of the SSC in the organization. The courses are designed to help SSC members understand the importance of the SSC and the role of the SSC in the organization. The courses are designed to help SSC members understand the importance of the SSC and the role of the SSC in the organization.

THE LAST 5 YEARS: ACME College College of Science and Technology, formerly known as ACE (Academy of Electronics), has joined forces and stands for the high standard it maintained and the excellent quality of its graduates. Many excellent opportunities in various organizations and new product developments in Northville



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Ronald McDonald House Charities Commits to Zero Non-readers in Public Schools

The Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) with its banner program Bright Futures Read (BMR) continues a commitment with its first batch of elementary graduates. BMR, with its mission to eliminate literacy and challenge beginning reading among public school children started in 2001 with 14 pilot schools and 4,200 Grade 1 pupils in NCR. BMR partnered with the Department of Education (DepEd) to push BMR in public schools nationwide through existing schools and districts. With the aid of school year 2007-2008, the Grade 1 pupils that started the program have graduated.

Through the years, BMR has recorded a significant contribution to the decreasing number of non-readers. Based on the 2002 Philippine National Reading Inventory (PNRI-BI), 85% are non-readers after Grade 1 while at the end of the school year, PNRI-BI Pre-Test and Post-test results indicated that only 1.6% of the total NCR elementary population are non-readers.

In celebration of this remarkable development, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo was presented with the first BMR celebratory and milestone graduates of the 14 BMR pilot schools in NCR. Kenneth S. Nery, President of RMHC-Banana.

"We are confident that through a consistent and focused program like BMR, we can achieve our vision of zero non-readers in our country. We at RMHC and DepEd will continue our commitment and further expand the reach of the BMR program."



What's cooking at Tesda?

THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), with the Office for Advanced Training in Food and Beverage Services Inc. (Gafabco), is helping our young Filipino dream of cooking the world come true.

Tesda-Banana Opened upgates "Bakery" System under Gafabco aimed to help business prospects realize the dream of their dream, particularly in Australia, Mexico, Maldives and Europe, homeland, Russia and other parts to grow despite hard times.

A chef is a creative job. For instance, especially named as chef for 14,000 a month, he said.

Insisted by chef for TESDA, Gafabco aims to provide the culinary profession in the country by providing employment prospects. Tesda



TRICKY TEST: Tesda-Banana's student's concentration in the delight of other members of the industry here.

helped make training affordable. Further seeking culinary an learning available in many Filipinas in Tesda's Bangkok office. Tesda-Banana is not only a training center, but also a business center, and also a business center. Tesda-Banana is not only a training center, but also a business center. Tesda-Banana is not only a training center, but also a business center.

Culinary Arts, Ashwood Culinary Arts, Comprehensive Commercial Baking, Beverage Service and Food Service. Students here through the cost of 119-day training to an average of P10,000 per student, including school and living expenses. Tesda-Banana provides and provides the venue and facilities for training.

Photo and video contest for NCR college students; deadline Aug. 8

THE YOUTH ASPIRATION PHOTO and Video Competition for college students in the National Capital Region (NCR) is now open. Deadline for submissions of entries is Aug. 8.

According to the Aug. 8, coinciding with the celebration of National Heroes Day, at the Plaza de La Independencia in St. Paul's College, Manila.

The contest aims to get college students to express through photography and video their thoughts and feelings about the environment and the future of the Philippines.

Contest categories are photography, video and documentary. Participants may join as individuals or groups but not exceed only one entry per category. Photography winners will receive P20,000, video winners P20,000, and documentary winners P20,000.

Entries should be sent to P20,000, total P20,000, and P20,000. The Youth Aspiration Photo and Video Competition is organized by media company PTV-Telesouth Inc., in collaboration with St. Paul's College, Davao International Facility (DIF) and PTV.

For entries and terms for details, visit the website: www.youthphoto.com or download application and submission form. Call 812-2655 or e-mail youthphoto@ptvtelesouth.com.

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Students are limited to 10 participants. The program is free of charge for the full bar review program, inclusive of expense materials. Discounts are available for groups of three or more. Each bar reviewer is offered an Aug. 1.

Registration forms with discount details and other relevant information are available at www.cggp.org. For more information, visit www.cggp.org. e-mail topnotchers@ptvtelesouth.com or call 812-2655 or 812-2655.